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THE DISTRICT CHRONICLE shows continuing progress. Office Secretary Claudetta Nietz receipts three dollars from her husband Dave for their book. Assistant Editor Harriet Wilson and Editor L. Thomas Holdcroft confer about the contents.

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CANYONVILLE BIBLE ACADEMY graduates and the new C.B.A. Dining Hall-Auditorium. Several States are represented among this group of 27 Christian high school graduates. The news release accompanying the photo declares: "Canyonville Bible Academy has been operating as a Christian high school since 1935. An excellent four-year program, plus Bible, is offered to our Pentecostal Christian youth. Board, room, and tuition rates at the school are very modest. C.B.A. has a faculty of ten teachers, all interested in the spiritual welfare of our teen agers. Applicants are now being accepted for the 1957-58 season beginning September 9th. Christian parents and students are urged to contact 'The High School Where Christ is Honored' for fall term information. Write to: Canyonville Bible Academy, Canonville, Oregon." C.B.A., since 1948, has had the full endorsement of the Assemblies of God, and for many years our District has had a vital interest in this excellent school.

A WORD WITH THE EDITOR

It is with a great deal of reluctance that, with this issue, I bid farewell to all our readers as I conclude my ministry as editor of *Glad Tidings*. However, the expanding program of Bethany Bible College has made it necessary for me to devote my full time to the College and I must commit the Magazine to someone else.

It has been a pleasure indeed to serve our readers and our District during the past three and one-half years. I herewith express my heartfelt thanks to all of you who have been so kind in your encouraging comments during this time, to all who have contributed articles and news material for publication, and to those with whom I have worked and who have rendered such valuable assistance.

It is my prayer that *Glad Tidings* shall long be a force for good in the Kingdom of God and a blessing to all who read its pages. I ask only of our readers that you support and encourage your new editor as gratifyingly as you have done for me. May heaven's blessings rest upon you, every one.

L. Thomas Holdcroft.

News of our District

MISSIONARIES

by Margaret Bond

Sister EILEEN EDWARDS is now busily preparing to return to India in September. While on furlough she has been preparing herself educationally for her return to the field. An emergency has arisen on the field due to the serious illness of Miss Marguerite Flint so Miss Edwards has been requested to return to India sooner than she had anticipated to take up work in the Bible School there. Her many friends throughout the District will wish to rally to the urgent call to help her obtain the remainder of her pledged support and get her equipment and fare ready.

Brother PAUL COOPER will soon have completed his itineration in the East Bay Section and expects to be visiting the churches in the Contra Costa Section during the first part of August.

Brother ARTHUR LINDVALL recently participated in a splendid missionary convention in the Seaside Assembly of God where Brother Lee Mildon is pastor. Brother Lindvall will be itinerating in the Shasta Sec-

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tion the latter part of July.

LEWIS and LENORE WILSON have completed a fine itinerary in the Capitol Section and are at present visiting churches in the Central San Joaquin area after which they expect to be in the North San Joaquin Section.

Brother and Sister LOWELL DOWDY expect to be itinerating again in the District in the early fall.

Another missionary who has recently received appointment and who will be itinerating in the fall is Brother JOHN MATTOX who will be going to Africa.

Our Optimistic Future

A reprint of a brief classic statement by
our late Superintendent, W. T. Gaston

THERE ARE MANY REASONS FOR BELIEVING that our best days are in the future. Our facilities for spreading the gospel are vastly improved; our ministers are better informed; the opposition in the world filed has softened; and there is generally more understanding and good will. This should mean the enlargement of our borders and a harvest of souls. Shall we not now highly resolve to take advantage of this favorable climate to sow and reap with all our might till the days of reaping shall be over — to go far-

ther and faster with a gospel that is both full and balanced, and with a testimony that is at once Scriptural and on fire.

This optimistic view of the future is conditional, of course. In fact, the vision of fruitful gardens by crystal waters could turn out to be a disappointing mirage. Lessened pressure from without could carry in its bosom the seeds of tragic decline; with opposition relaxed we could find ourselves with flabby spiritual muscles and a bulging ego. It is, therefore,

my firm conviction that right now, in the midst of growth and prosperity, we should definitely re-sell ourselves the principles and motivations that made this work forge ahead when the world and organized religion had barricaded the roadways. Personalities may change, but not principles.

I see no reason for the rather general conviction that revival movements should be expected to reach their crest in a few years and then gradually recede. On the other hand, I see no hope of continuing a revival by organization and ballyhoo when the spirit of brokenness and contribution no longer prevails.

Our church fellowship is the product of a truly great revival — a latter-rain outpouring of the Holy Spirit has played a great part in flattening out the wave of last-days humanistic opposition to historic Bible religion. The fires of evangelical, Holy Ghost salvation must be kept burning. For us there must be no retreat from the full message or the high standards that have been ours from the very beginning of this Pentecostal visitation. Any departure from fundamental principles or from our first love is a call for deep repentance. May the God of the burning bush and the tongues of fire stir us and keep us burning till the day dawns and the shadows flee away.

We have sailed through some rather rough seas in the past, and the future is not without its perils. I am reminded of the warning message of Paul to the Ephesian elders concerning grievous wolves that would enter in — “not sparing the flock.” Continuing, he used these tragic words, “Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after them.” Sobering words, these!

A half century of struggle and sacrifice is behind the modern Pentecostal revival, and the aggressive, militant spirit that characterized the work of the pioneers has not spent itself. Great days are AHEAD OF US, provided we continue to build according to the Scriptural pattern, and to be actuated by motives that are truly Christian.

WHAT
DO
YOU
CARE
?

What do you care that the world's in a mess,
There's really no reason for living, you guess.
The Savior still lives, and continues to bless;
And He's looking directly at you!

What do you care that your calling is tough,
Attendance is slack, and the going is rough.
God's grace is sufficient, and more than enough;
And He needs you right there on the job!

What do you care that your money's all gone,
You've nothing to sell, and you've nothing to pawn.
A prize is in store for the ones who press on;
And it comes at the end of the race!

What do you care that you're weary and worn,
Your food is atrocious, your clothing is torn.
As Jesus explained, there's a cross to be borne;
And it leads to the glories above!

What do you care that the Joneses act rich,
Their swanky new car crowded yours in the ditch.
They're likely in debt, and they may have the itch;
And you don't want to keep up with that!

What do you care that your friends have all fled,
Have heaped foul abuse on your faltering head.
They'll all say you're wonderful, after you're dead;
And they may even carve it in stone!

What do you care that your love-life has turned,
Your husband or wife doesn't care if you're burned.
The purest of Lovers was smitten and spurned;
And you're really no better than He!

What do you care that your funeral's nigh,
The death-angel stands, with a gleam in his eye.
He merely unlatches that door to the sky;
And what more could you possibly want!

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The District CHRONICLE

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It's a major publishing project . . .

The District CHRONICLE

Around the District Office these days we're becoming increasingly excited about our new publication *The District Chronicle*. We believe that this book will be of wide and enduring interest to all our constituency, and we are praying that God will bless it to every reader. The *Chronicle* will present in review the thirty eight years of our District's activities and for the first time in any publication tell in a coherent organized manner the story of our District and its churches.

The editor-in-chief is Brother L. Thomas Holdcroft, but he is being rendered invaluable assistance by a committee of lady assistant editors: Sister R. A. Wilson Sr., Marjorie Mad-

docks Sherman, and Irma Gaston Hawkins. Also, Brother Joseph L. Gerhart the Business Manager is guiding the financial policies of the publication and providing a good deal of helpful counsel in many areas.

The decision to publish *The District Chronicle* was made by the District Presbytery over a year ago in one of their regular sessions. Throughout the intervening time, work on the publication has progressed steadily, even though it has not always been rapid. Originally it was planned to prepare the book as a surprise to our Superintendent W. T. Gaston. When God saw fit to call Brother Gaston home last August 26, it was decided to proceed with the book as something of a memorial tribute to him, and also

to generalize it to take in all our District departments and personnel. The book is to be dedicated to the memory of Brother Gaston, and it will contain some reprints of his most choice articles.

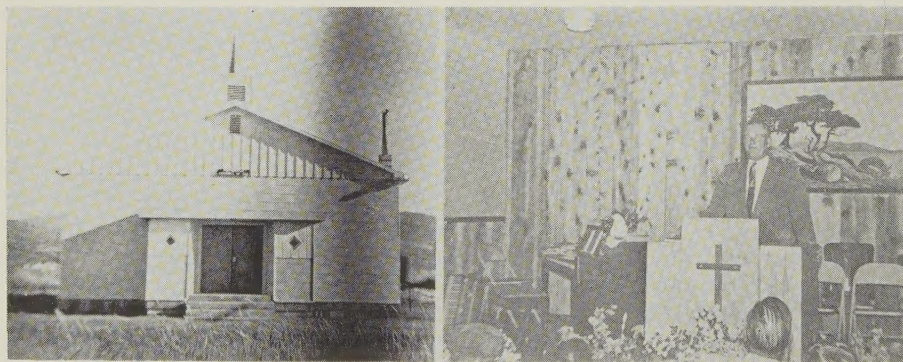
The *Chronicle* will be a cloth-bound book of over 100 pages, and it will appear much like a school or college annual. A splendid collection of old-time and present pictures has been obtained, many of them of unique and lasting interest. The sections of the book are to be as follows: W. T. Gaston, District Events, Personalities, Bethany Bible College, District Departments, and Our Churches. Every section will be comprised of an album of significant pictures along with an informative and authoritative narrative.

To publish a book of this calibre is proving no small project. The budget requires an income of \$3,350 and that calls for the sales of a good many books and a good many ads. At this time the advertising section is closed and it is already committed to the printers, so our drive is to sell books. Our contract with the printer requires that all the books are paid for before any are delivered, so we must make our budget now if we're to enjoy our *Chronicles*.

The publication date will likely be sometime in September, and at that time books will be mailed to all who have ordered them. It is important that all the friends who have intended to buy a book "sooner or later" do so NOW.

It is our hope that the *Chronicle* will minister among us in the District to help to bring us together in mutual understanding by pointing out our worthy backgrounds and our common heritage. Old-timers will certainly want a book (we hope many will be pleasantly surprised when they find themselves in it), and newcomers will find the book a *must* to orient themselves in our midst.

The price of the *Chronicle* is \$3.00 postpaid. Although it would spare a good deal of bookkeeping if cash accompanies each order, we are willing to bill those who prefer, so everyone can order NOW. We hope that in the next week or two we will have a veritable "flood of orders" and speedily see this project over the top. Anyone who counts himself a part of the northern California and Nevada District family can't afford not to have a *Chronicle*. Assure your copy by ordering now! Address all orders and make all remittances payable to: Rev. Joseph L. Gerhart, Treasurer, P.O. Box 961, Santa Cruz, California.

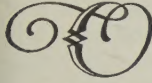


The Canby Pentecostal Assembly of God recently had a special day to dedicate their new building. The exterior of the new building is shown at the left above, and at the right, District Missionary Secretary, R. A. Wilson in the pulpit during the services of dedication. Present for the occasion, which also was the Sectional Fellowship Meeting, was Presbyter W. C. Ross, as well as Brother Wilson and a number of visiting ministers and friends. The day's program included an afternoon message by Brother Ross, and the evening dedication message by Brother Wilson. Brother Ross prayed the dedicatory prayer. The ladies of the church provided a ham dinner for the guests. Comments Pastor Harold C. Casper: "The dedication was a great climax after the months of labor of the Canby folks." He comments that as they dedicated their building, he and his people also dedicated anew their hearts and lives to the service of the Lord.

PENTECOSTAL GLORY!

By DAVID HOOD

"Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain to every one grass in the field. For the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because there was no shepherd." Zechariah 10:1, 2.

 All the Old Testament prophets, Zechariah had the widest vision of the future and he could say more in a few short words than most of us could say in a multitude of words. Here as he looks out across the annals of time he sees a particular event about to happen. As it comes to his vision he begins to prophesy about it. In the first verse of our text he tells us what to do, and in the second verse he tells us why we should do it. He sets down two reasons why we should pray for this latter rain of Pentecostal glory. First, "Your idols have spoken vanities", and second, "The diviners have seen a lie".

An idol is anything we set up to worship in the place of God. It can be a graven image moulded by the hands of man, or it can be only in the heart of the individual. Today in America we have few pagan temples with stone or gold idols, and yet in the hearts of many of the American people are idols they have set up which they put before God, their Creator. Some men have money and its attainment as their goal in life, others have man's applause as their objective, still others have security as their god. Our text says that these false gods have only spoken vanities. There is no satisfaction in these things because they are wrong objectives and can bring no real peace or joy to the heart.

You and I know people today in the community where we live who dress so smart and have so much of this world's goods and anyone looking at them would think they are happy and someone they would desire to be like. But if we would look beneath that veneer we would find they are long-

ing for something that is real and that will satisfy them. If we could stop them and look inside their heart we would find a vacuum, where God should be filling their life. But there they are today, seeking in the gods of worldly possessions, beauty, and popularity, the things they can find only in the living God.

Our text shows another way in which men seek to find peace — "*the diviners have seen a lie*". In this I see the inadequacy of any religion other than the gospel of Christ can transform our life. The diviners here represent false priests and prophets of Zechariah's day. They would be the so-called ministers of our day who are blind leaders of the blind, and the gospel they preach is not a gospel of deliverance for soul and body as was the message of the apostles, but their messages only tickle the ears of the hearers and would lull them to sleep in their sins.

The religions of today remind me of a great gateway I heard someone speaking about. He said it was a magnificent structure, but when you went through it, it only led to an empty, bare, cold court. So it is with the great churches and denominations that do not preach the born again experience. They have great buildings and dead creeds, but once we pass through the portals of their ceremonies we find there is nothing there but an empty court, and they only leave us with a vacant life. The Bible says that these diviners only comfort in vain, they offer you no peace for the sin question that is burdening our heart.

Palestine, in the day our text was written, had two rainy seasons. The first one was at the time of the planting of the crops. It was given so the ground would be prepared properly for the seeds, so they would receive the right foods to grow. Then just before the time of harvest there would be a second rain. This was given to mature the grain, to give it the final touch and prepare it for harvest. All

looked for and depended upon this latter rain, for without it the harvest would be incomplete.

In about thirty-three A.D. a group of people were in an upper room in the city of Jerusalem. They were there in obedience to the command of our Lord. As they prayed, suddenly there was a rushing mighty wind sent from God, and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost. This was the first rain from Heaven given for the planting of the Church. Without this rain there could have been no Church.

At the turn of our century Christians all across the world began to hunger for the deeper things of God. At this time there were no Pentecostal Assemblies; there was no Assemblies of God Organization. But God had people that were hungry for Him in many denominations. As these folks prayed and called on God for revival and for power in their lives, almost simultaneously all over the world, these people began receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with speaking in tongues as evidence. God raised people up from every denomination and walk of life, to form our present day Pentecostal movements. God poured out this latter rain to prepare the church for harvest time when the Lord Jesus will break the clouds of glory and we, His blood-washed saints, leave this world to be forever with Him.

Today there is a river of living water that flows from the throne of God to our lives. God is earnestly desiring to send this Pentecostal blessing to every life and congregation that will call on His name. Today God will come into our lives or our churches and change them from dry desert places where indifference and insincerity have sway, to a watered oasis where God the Holy Spirit moves and blesses and refreshes.

The same power that touched men nineteen hundred years ago can touch us now. Today, as then, it can cause His ministers to become flames of fire across the pages of history. Let us therefore be submissive and receive anew the power and glory and anointing that belong to this Pentecostal way.

This article is a synopsis of the message brought by Brother Hood at the 1957 graduation exercises of Bethany Bible College.

A Three - Minute Chat with our District C.E.P. Representative



At the dedication of the C.E.P. financed Yerington Assembly.

DISTRICT CHALLENGE!

In our travels of the past month two churches, with CEP Program, were Dedicated, namely, Glad Tidings Church, Sacramento, Gerald L. Baser, pastor, Assembly of God, Yerington, Nevada, H. Wayne Crawford, pastor.

Other churches over the district, with the program, are coming along nicely and we expect in the near future to report a CHURCH DEDICATION. It gives such great personal satisfaction to see churches and pastors united in one tremendous effort of expanding the kingdom of God.

WORLD CHALLENGE!

The world population is increasing at the rate of 83 persons a minute, or about 5,000 an hour, and at the present rate will double by the end of this century, according to the United Nations Demographic Yearbook for 1956.

The yearbook estimated the world population now at 2,777,000,000. It said the population increases by about 43,000,000 a year.

SPIRITUAL CHALLENGE!

Jesus saith unto them, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work . . . Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest."

FINANCIAL CHALLENGE!

The local church faces the challenge of finances when it approaches a building program, so CHURCH EXTENSION PLAN steps in to meet the requirements of bankers, builders and congregation.

As CEP Representative I am happy to minister to you in this capacity. Letters may be addressed to me at the District Office (P. O. Box 961, Santa Cruz) or to my home residence: 718 Laurent Street, Santa Cruz. The home phone is GA 3-1325.

Here's News Concerning —

PACIFIC MISSIONARY VILLAGE

Pacific Missionary Village will be under construction when you receive this issue of *Glad Tidings Magazine*. You recall that the Annual District Council at San Francisco last February authorized the Executive Officers of the District to purchase a plot of about ten acres, immediately adjacent to Bethany Park, on one acre of which the first five houses of the Missionary Village were to be built.

This purchase has been consummated, and the houses are under construction. Another acre adjacent to the first is also being reserved for further Missionary homes. And the rest of the ten acre plot has been subdivided into lots, and from all of them there is a beautiful view of Scott's Valley, and on across the Monterey Bay to Monterey, Pacific Grove, and to the Big Sur Mountains on clear days. The sale of these beautiful lots farther up the hill will help finance the purchase of the ground on which the missionary homes are being built.

There will be five homes: one a three bedroom house, a two bedroom home, and three one bedroom homes. Thus we will be able to accommodate various sizes of missionary families. When the homes are built, then the Women's Missionary Councils of Northern California and Nevada District, assisted by those of other Pacific Coast Districts, will be decorating and furnishing them. They have some most attractive plans — all new furniture, lovely modern appliances, with lots of closet and storage space for the missionaries' trunks and boxes.

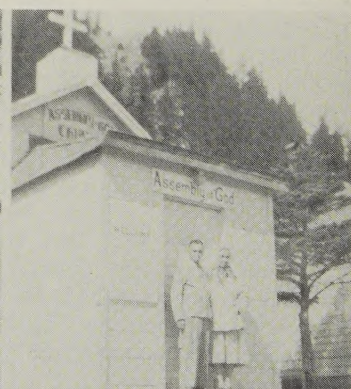
In locating these houses on the

grounds, they are being so spaced and placed on terraces that a full view of the valley is enjoyed from each home. They will be California Ranch Homes, with individual styling. If you wish to assist in the furnishing of these homes, please get in touch with Mrs. Goldia Anderson, President or Mrs. Ferne Murray, Secretary, of the No. Cal. and Nev. Dist. Women's Missionary Council, P.O. Box 961, Santa Cruz.

A little over \$25,000 cash is in the fund for the building of these five homes. At today's building costs, anyone knows that it would be impossible to build these houses for that amount of money. But it will be made possible by the volunteer labor being offered by many of our men from all over the district. They will be coming in every Saturday for a day's work. Or you can come Friday evening, and housing will be provided over night, and meals on Saturday. Skilled men in the building trades are especially needed, but any man who can help as a laborer is also needed.

Another feature of interest is the possibility of building additional homes in the future which can be used by missionaries and ministers for retirement. A number of missionaries and ministers are inquiring about this feature. Some want to build their own home, use it the balance of their life, then leave it to the Village Corporation for the use of others after they are through with it. Others are inquiring about giving a sum of money to help build such retirement homes,

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Former pastors at Elko, Nevada, the Bernard Tewells send us these pictures from Alaska. At the left is the congregation at Seward and at the right are the Tewells on the front steps of the little Seward Assembly of God. The Tewells spent the past winter supplying in this assembly during the absence of Pastor George Geesey. It was planned that the Tewells would leave Seward this summer and take over the church at Chugiak — some 150 miles further north. They wish their friends to know that hereafter their address will be: General Delivery, Chugiak, Alaska.

DEPENDENT INDEPENDENTS

By T. R. Brubaker

THE FAMILIAR TERM "VOLUNTARY CO-OPERATIVE fellowship" may sound weak and ambiguous to some, but it is a working basis which has brought together hundreds of thousands of Pentecostal believer in a mighty full gospel crusade. The strongest bonds this world can know are love and mutual respect. The cohesive powers of a voluntary cooperative fellowship are love and respect for God and for one another. Fellowship is reciprocal, and anyone who fails to contribute his share must forfeit his right to its benefits.

Anything which is assembled to effect a working combination is an organization, whether it be the parts of a machine, the organs of the human body, or a group of persons. Because it is an organization is it then evil?

Among Christian leadership are those self-styled "ndependents" who decry organization, but, nevertheless, they are quick to take advantage of its facilities and capitalize on its progress. It is a misnomer. There is no real independent person. Consider today the food we eat, the clothes we wear, the houses we live in, the car we drive, for which we are depen-

dent on the provision and skill of an unknown number of persons widely spread around the world, not to mention the loving Heavenly Father who is above all. In most cases the so-called opponent of organization is an ardent worker in building one. The only difference is that he aspires to be the persident, general manager, and board of trustees — all at the same time. To find the least common denominator of the whole matter we will discover the spirit of insubordination. The remedy is a deep love for God and the ability to "esteem others better than ourselves" which are prerequisites for Christian service.

The Assemblies of God fellowship is a means toward an end, and that end is the united effort of believers in fulfilling the Great Commission while upholding scriptural standards of doctrine and conduct. The effectiveness of the job depends on our co-operation, in the same manner that a happy marriage is dependent upon faithfulness in the marital vows. When we welcome and endorse those who disregard, and even attack, our comradeship in the ministry we fail our fellow-workers who would keep faith

SECRETARY'S REPORT

JUNE, 1957

MINISTERS —

Total at first of year	985
Total at first of month	994
Total at end of month	1000

Transferred In —

Ralph Gaither—Ord., from S. Calif.
A. E. Robeck—Ord., from Northwest.
J. Irwin Rogers—Ord., from New Eng.
Gordon Hadley—Ord., from Oregon.
Alvin T. Haun—Ord., from S. Calif.
Margie M. Haun—Lic., from S. Calif.

New Credentials —

Wm. O. Taylor—Lic.
Milo G. Netzer—Lic.
Glenn C. Matson—Lic.
Samuel L. Kern—Lic.

Transferred Out —

Paul D. Miller—Lic., to S. Calif.
Dwight Yanez—Lic., to Foresquare.

Deceased —

Antone Leal—Lic.

Withdrew —

Claude R. Fry—Ord.

CHURCHES —

Total at first of year	321
Total at first of month	320
Total at end of month	319

Removed —

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with us, and perhaps betray our own wandering loyalty.

We can remind ourselves that unity is not uniformity. There is no attempt to regiment our churches and people into conformity to one mold or pattern. Contrariwise, it is a glorious fact that we are a host of believers with varied talents and diversified personalities who are one in spirit, filled with the Holy Ghost, "steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

The Pentecostal Advocate

A group of the ministers and their companions present for one day's sessions of the Minister's Retreat at Bethany Park. Seated in the front row are some of the District officers and department heads and B. B. C. teachers who participated in the Retreat. While the attendance at the retreat was not large, there was a con-

stant turnover of ministers and the final effect was that a sizeable group actually was present in the total enrolment. All who participated in the Retreat were convinced that it was a very worth while effort, and with some modifications it is definitely planned an as annual event.

—Photo by M. H. Heickser.



SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

"Good-bye Brother Suter"

A tribute to our outgoing Sunday School Department Director
by Superintendent Leonard Palmer

ONE OF THE BEST KNOWN LEADERS OF our District fellowship has resigned. After ten and a half long years of faithful service in the Sunday School Department, Rev. Lionel W. Suter has accepted the pastorate of the excellent and growing congregation at Carmichael, California. That's right boys and girls, "Pop" and "Mom" Suter have left. But they'll never forget you. They still have you in their hearts. Nor will they soon forget the pastors and other fellow-workers with whom they've had a long and pleasant association.

Beginning his work amongst us when the now far-reaching Sunday School program was only in its infancy, a man with a vivid vision of the great importance of Christian Education in the local church came onto our scene.

Applying himself with characteristic vigor to the oft seemingly impossible task before him he has carried out his responsibility with a success that has made him in Northern California and Nevada MR. SUNDAY SCHOOL! And on the national level he has long been the oldest man in point of service to the Sunday School cause.

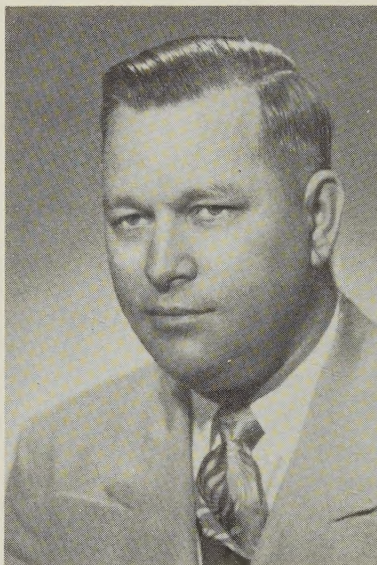
Forced to shape not only his own future as Director but also the particular policies of the District Sunday School as well, our brother addressed himself to the multiple problems facing pastors and churches. That his work has been successful is proven by the forward looking Sunday Schools all over the District whether they be in large or small cities, or distinctly rural areas.

Aware that over 80% of the future members of the church come from its Sunday Schools, and painfully conscious that scholars need trained teachers, Brother Suter early began to emphasize both methods and means for increasing Sunday School attendance and training the ever-increasing staffs of teachers who would instruct them — teachers who would not only tell pupils how to live Christian lives but who would seek to bring their students to definite decisions for Christ.

Thus have developed local, section-

al, regional, and district Sunday School conferences, worker's training courses, teachers and officers fellowships, plus a well integrated district organization of the department with Director, Sunday School Advisory

MR. SUNDAY SCHOOL



LIONEL W. SUTER

Board, Sunday School Sectional Representatives, etc., all working in harmony to promote the Kingdom of God.

Not really a part of the Sunday School program and yet so closely related to it are the boys and girls

camps. Beginning about seven or eight years ago with only the idea that here was a field of need sorely neglected (and despite the protests of many that it couldn't be done) our brother launched the first boys and girls camp at Bethany Park. The response was so overwhelming (and so totally unexpected) that the then limited facilities of the Park were completely over-taxed. But somehow "Pop" Suter managed to successfully muddle through this first experience — and he had a new proof that his convictions of the need had been justified. Suffice it to say that stemming from this beginning there are now boys and girls, and youth camps in five different locations in our district which will serve this year perhaps 2500 to 3000 or more boys, girls, and youth, bringing them into fellowship with each other and into new relationships with the Lord Jesus Christ.

We will miss seeing you in your travels far and wide, Brother Suter. We'll miss your ready smile, your cheerful encouraging word, your versatile ideas, your warmth of spirit and your keenest interest in everything that advances the cause of Christ for youth. But God grant we shall never forget the unremitting toil, the long hours you spent, the thousands of weary miles you've travelled, the way you helped us put Sunday School on the map of the Assemblies of God in Northern California and Nevada. We want you to feel you are still a part of us and that we shall ever regard you highly for not only your person but also for your work's sake. To Sister Suter who has shared the burden and anxiety, the toil and the triumph, we also express our heartiest most sincere appreciation. Our loss is Carmichael's gain.

Bye "Pop". Bye "Mom". God bless you!

Successful VBS at Windsor — the First in the Assembly



Pastor Lenard E. Griffis of Windsor sends us this little snap of their recent VBS. He writes: "It was a

very successful school with an enrollment of 83. Our largest number on any day was 75, but since this was our first try at VBS we are really thrilled with the results. A. B. Gurley, our Sunday School Superintendent was in charge. The music and pledges were directed by Mrs. Lenard Griffis. Pianists were Mary and Minnie Griffis. We had 8 enrolled in the nursery, 22 each in the primary and junior classes, 12 in the beginners, and 6 in the intermediates. The commencement program was very well attended by the parents and friends of the pupils. Awards were given to the best work in the crafts."

LODI SUNDAY SCHOOL SHOWS PROGRESS



Pictured above is the group of Sunday School workers of the First Assembly of God, E. Walnut & Washington Sts., in Lodi, California, who successfully completed their Teacher's Training Course, conducted by Rev. L. G. Baker, standing second from left, front row. Pastor and Mrs. Kelsey C. Prinzing are in the front row on the right.

In the annual Workers' Training Course completed recently at the First Assembly of God Church in Lodi, California, the entire staff of teachers earned their certificates.

The Holy Spirit-annointed teaching

of Rev. L. G. Baker is credited with the success of the training course which had an average attendance of 75, with 52 of the Sunday School workers earning their certificates.

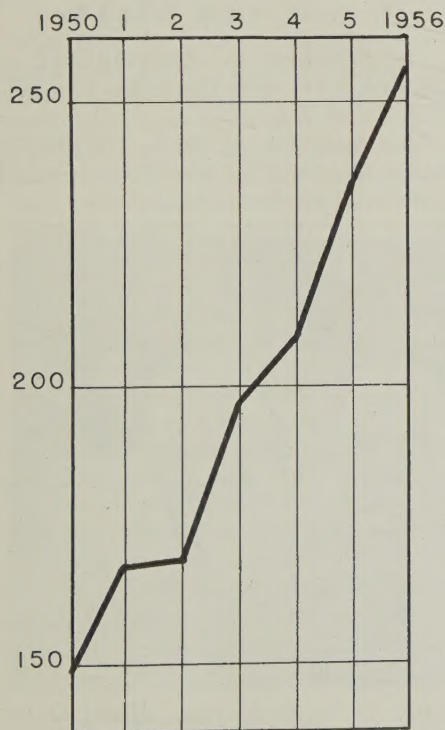
This response reflects the zealous

and fervent attitude of every worker which the Lord has blessed graciously.

In the six years that Rev. Kelsey C. Prinzing has been pastor, the Sunday School has experienced a steady increase in attendance, with last year's average of 256 showing a 73% increase over that of 1950. Along with the growth in attendance, each year has seen a good number saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.

In a recent Easter attendance campaign, Supt. George Sampson was happy to announce that through the efforts of consecrated workers, 160 new prospects for the Sunday School, who did not attend elsewhere and lived in the area, were signed up to attend. Out of these, 120 were present to boost Easter attendance to a new record of 405. A very effectual "Kid's Crusade" was conducted during Easter week vacation by Rev. Eddie Washington, with a number of children being saved.

Pastor Kelsey C. Prinzing is a Sunday School enthusiast who uses every opportunity to boost the Sunday School and encourage its workers to be more fervent and consecrated. Plans are being speeded to build an annex which will double the present facilities in order to continue to reach the lost of the area.



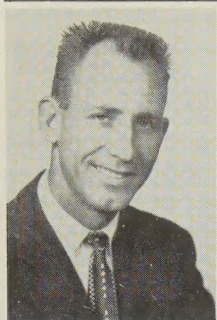
In 6 years, 73% increase

SANTA ROSA REWARDS 100% LOYALTY



A portion of the Santa Rosa Sunday School workers and pupils who achieved 100% attendance during last spring's Loyalty Campaign. Each person with 100% attendance was given a gift edition of the Book of Acts and upwards of one-half of the Sunday School membership qualified. The Sunday School Superintendent is Mrs. E. R. Box. The Pastor is L. R. Anderson and Educational Director is R. F. Mahaffy.

CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS



A Personal Word to each C. A. from our D-Cap.

D-CAP WALT BORING

Without exception, it looks like this years Youth Camp enrollment will be the largest in our history. A full report cannot be given yet but registrations are up in most camps and with the newly added thirteen and fourteen year old camp at Santa Cruz, it looks like we are going over the top. A complete report with pictures will be in the next issue of *Glad Tidings Magazine*.

A very active Fall program is being outlined for the District C.A. Department. Very soon you will be reading about the new and exciting Speed-the-Light tour that will be conducted by D-Cap Walt Boring and Rev. Paul Bruton. We are praying that the results of this tour will surpass anything that we have ever done before for this wonderful missionary youth endeavor.

The C.A. Department's financial report is something so wonderful that we hardly dare to believe what God has done. For one year, the department has been in the black. This is due to the faithful response of so many loyal groups on the local front lines who are not only doing a good job at home but are helping us do our job on the district level. The newly organized 300 Club has been a tremendous help in getting our books balanced.

There is an old saying that goes like this: "A word to the wise is sufficient". So here is the word that you need to hear. Fall Convention is not too far away and it is time right now to start making plans to attend. Every group should make provision to send or help send the C.A. President or some representative officer to vote for them in the annual business meeting. What with the Teen-Age Talent Contest and the Choir Extravaganza, the convention is going to be well attended so start planning to come way ahead of time.

For teenagers

TALENT CONTEST

The latest reports from Sectional Representatives all over the district indicate a high rate of enthusiasm and excitement over the now-in-progress Teen-Age-Talent Contest. Churches everywhere are signing up their talent to compete in the sectional contests hoping to see their own C. A.'s make it all the way to the big play-off at the Fall Convention in Sacramento. Each year this contest gets to be a bigger event with more and more churches participating. It has proven to be a wonderful opportunity for our many talented C. A.'s to play or sing for the glory of God.

What's New?

D-Cap Walt Boring was under the weather and out of circulation for three weeks just before the Youth Camp season, but reports that he is now fully recuperated.

Sectional Representative Doug Fairington reports that the Capitol Section's June C.A. Rally was held out-of-doors at the County Fairgrounds in Auburn. District C.A. Secretary-Treasurer Steve Asmuth was present with a girls trio from Stockton's Calvary Tabernacle, and Walt Boring, D-Cap was the speaker of the evening. The weather was perfect, a large crowd attended and many parents and C.A.'s consecrated their lives anew to the service of the Lord at the conclusion of the message.

The Peninsula Section has a new Sectional Representative and assistant Representative. A recent sectional business meeting resulted in the election of Rev. Jack Burgess as Representative and Rev. Austin Baker as his assistant. The retiring officers are Rev. Ed Cole and Rev. Paul Kienel.

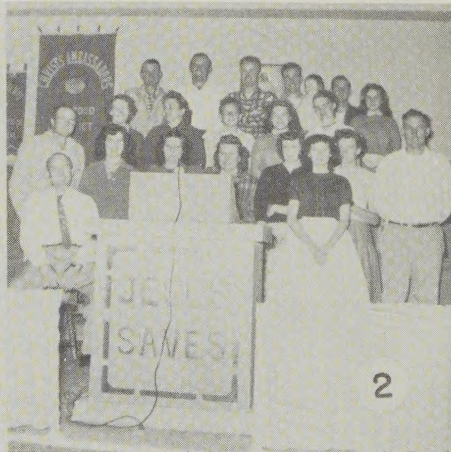
The Central San Joaquin Section has a new Sectional Representative, Rev. Bruce Yorke, who was recently elected to fill out the unexpired term of Rev. Don Merrill, who has resigned his pastorate as well as his district C.A. position.

For the Fall Season

C. A. CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 16 - OCTOBER 6 - TENTATIVE SPEED THE LIGHT TOUR DATES.

NOVEMBER 29, 30 - CHRIST'S AMBASSADOR'S ANNUAL FALL CONVENTION.



The Rohnerville C. A.'s have some new officers.
1) The outgoing officers with Pastor Joseph Murray.
2) The C. A.'s on election night. 3) Pastor Murray and

the new officers (l. to r.): Pastor Murray, Albert Davis, Vice President; George Wright, President, and Nelda Ashcraft, Secretary-Treasurer.

HERE AND THERE

About Our District

EL CERRITO — Rev. Ralph Gaither recently succeeded Rev. E. Wm. Anderson as pastor of this Assembly.

GREENVILLE — This Assembly also a new pastor, Rev. Troy Beaver. He succeeds the Rev. Doyle Young, who has recently taken over the pastorate at Herlong.

HAYFORK — Brother and Sister Fred Boring are the new pastors at this Assembly, assuming their duties there June 30th with 44 in Sunday School.

MENLO PARK — Rev. George Holmes, elected several months ago as pastor to succeed Rev. D. E. Park, has just arrived from England to assume his duties at the Menlo Park Assembly.

OAKLAND (First Assembly) — A report comes from this Assembly: "Vacation Bible School attendance reached an all-time high with an enrollment of 302 and an average attendance of 190 for the two weeks period, June 17 to 28. Many boys and girls accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. 'The Happy Christian Way' was the theme of the school, and classes were held for children from ages 4 to 14. In addition to the regular Bible study and memory work, classes in music and handwork were provided, and a film, film strip, or story con-

cluded each morning session. The V.B.S. closed with a program on Friday evening when the children gave a resume of what they had learned and recited their memory verses.

This Oakland church is also on the march in their building program. They are now in the midst of an extensive remodeling and renovation program. They write: "In the lower auditorium nine built-in speakers have been installed. On the main floor a new church office and a new pastor's office have been built . . . Modern light fixtures have been installed, and there is wall-to-wall carpeting on the floor. The church entrance has been modernized with new tile steps and new church doors. The foyer has been repainted and remodeled with mahogany panelling. The nursery is being enlarged and remodelled to include washroom facilities, modern lighting, and ventilating system. Classrooms have been repainted and redecorated. The latest project is the young married couples' classroom which is being remodeled and repainted and will include acoustical tile ceiling, new light fixtures, and ventilating system. Plans are in the making for complete renovation and remodeling of the Sunday School classrooms to provide for the increasing enrollment of the Sunday School."

Rev. Morse E. Hammond, Assistant Pas-



—U. S. Army Photograph

Our District has another minister in the chaplaincy. Reverend Jules Balles recently received a direct commission in the U. S. Army Chaplain's Corps as a first lieutenant (Reserve). The commissioning ceremony was held in the Post Chapel at the Presidio of San Francisco, with Chaplain (Major) Dayton D. Drake, Sixth U. S. Army Chaplain for Reserve Components, administering the oath of service. Brother Balles is a graduate of B.B.C. (class of '52) and for a time he served as interim pastor of Bethel Assembly of God of Oakland. His first activity in the chaplaincy will be to attend the Army Chaplain's School at Fort Slocum, New York, and then he will report for duty at Fort Lewis, Washington.

A recent visitor to the editor's office was Virgil E. Christian, formerly pastor of the Carmichael Assembly of God. In response to the editor's queries, Brother Christian told a most interesting story: Seven and a half years ago he was led to the town of Carmichael to start a new work. At that time he had no ministerial papers and little experience, and his chief assets were a few friends and relatives in the community. He proceeded to obtain secular work and in his spare time erect a church building. For materials he used an army surplus structure which was available for little money. After 15 months his building, which was his own property, was useable for meetings and he began services with 10 people, friends and relatives attending. Thereafter it was one heartening story of growth. In one year the congregation assumed their pastor's support. The Sunday school averages increased from 37 for the first season, to an average of 109 the third year. The congregation took over the ownership of the building and promptly launched on a new building project. In midsummer of '55 a new tabernacle, seating 400, put into use, and last year the average Sunday school attendance was 206. The church has bought par-



sonage property (2½ acres) and this, together with the church land and buildings, means that the total valuation of property is close to \$125,000 and although not debt free, the payments are being met without special drives. Pastor Christian has resigned the church to enter the evangelistic field, but he leaves behind him a wide circle of appreciative friends who hold him in the highest esteem. His headquarters are to be 4325 San Juan Avenue, Fair Oaks, California. Brother Christian has some limited time available for pulpit supply this summer, as well as for revivals.

tor, concludes his article with the good news, "The Sunday School attendance has shown a marked increase over the past year with an average of 300 as compared with 206 for the previous year. Likewise, attendance at the Sunday and mid-week services has increased considerably. We thank God for His blessing upon the church and for the growth as this is an evidence that First Church is going forward." The pastor is Dr. Henry H. Ness.

RIVERBANK — This church has a new pastor who is Rev. Ray Lockwood, formerly of Chico. He succeeds Rev. Don Merrill.

SAN JOSE (Calvary Temple) — An inspirational service of singing and preaching was presented July 11th by the King's Magnifiers Quartet from Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Mo. The pastors are Rev. and Mrs. Kermit Jeffrey.

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO — In a recent letter, Pastor Carl E. Curtright writes: "The Bordman Sisters conducted one of the finest D.V.B.S.'s we have ever had. About 55 children came forward for salvation and the D.V.B.S. has brought new

people into our Sunday School."

SPARKS, NEVADA — Rev. Gerald Fischer is the new pastor, succeeding Rev. Andrew Slack.

STOCKTON (East Eighth Assembly) — Rev. Kelsey Prinzing, Jr., has recently resigned as pastor and is replaced by the Rev. Verlyn Skore.

TRACY — Rev. Gene Lawrence has come to be the new pastor of this Assembly. The former pastor, Rev. Kirk Soper, has assum-

ed a new pastorate in Bakersfield.

WEAVERVILLE—In a recent letter Pastor Charles Christian writes: "Weaverville is slowly getting back on the map with the Lord's blessings. The revival with Brother L. H. Bacheller brought many of the old folks back to the church and also many visitors. The Sunday School is away above last year's average and still going. Brother Bacheller's ministry is the type that reaches many outsiders and he is always willing to help the small church."

At Our National Office

BENEVOLENCE — The Department of Benevolences is interested in compiling a list of approved Assemblies of God homes for aged persons. Currently only a small percentage of those desiring such accommodations can be placed at Pinellas Park. The Department requests the name and address of superintendents of any such homes operated by local churches or by members of the Assemblies of God churches.

CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS — The theme for the annual Speed-the-Light Dollar Day, October 20, is "77 a Minute." This theme emphasizes the rapid rate at which lost humanity is plunging into eternity.

GENERAL COUNCIL — A great number of our District ministers will be attending the 27th General Council of the Assemblies of God, August 28 to September 3, at Cleveland, Ohio. Housing reservations are being handled by Howard R. Davidson, 18408 Hiller Avenue, Cleveland 19, Ohio. Requests should be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope. A late news release comments about the parking situation in Cleveland: "The City Council has paved the lot, put in lights, and placed 24-hour police service on the area for the protection of the cars. Because of improvements, a charge of twenty-five cents for 24 hours parking is being made by the city."

PUBLICATIONS — Beginning in October, 1957, the Gospel Publishing House will provide a new large print adult student Sunday school quarterly. The contents will be the same as the present quarterly, but the larger print will make it more convenient for persons with failing eyesight. This new quarterly will cost twenty-five cents.

RADIO — Revivaltime has a new poster intended for bulletin boards and window displays. The poster provides a place for information concerning the local church. To learn more about this poster, write: Revivaltime, Box 70, Springfield, Missouri.

WMC — "Around the World in 30 minutes with the WMC" will be the theme of the WMC breakfast to be held at the Statler Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, Saturday, August 31. All ladies are invited to the breakfast which begins at 7:45. Tickets will be available at the WMC booth at General Council, Wednesday, August 28, for \$2.00 each.

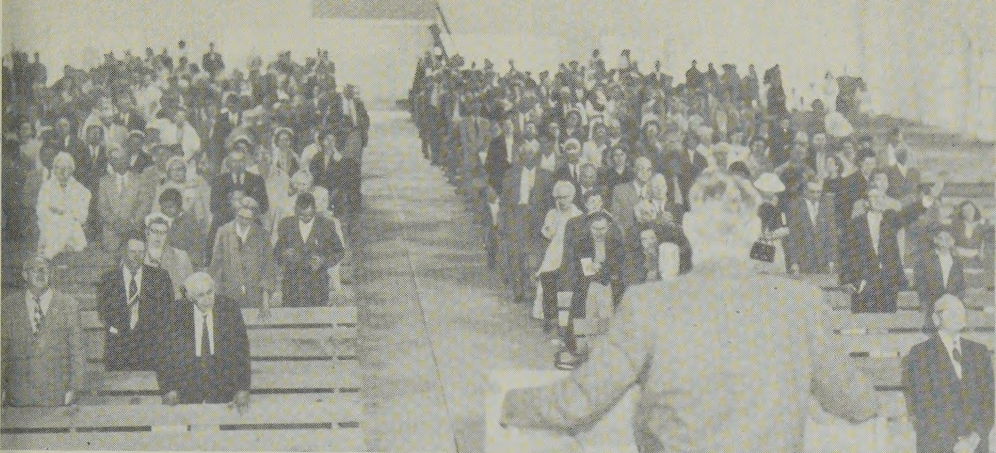
WHO'S NEW?

Pastor and Mrs. Julio Panattoni of the Full Gospel Church of Pajaro have a new daughter, Cynthia Joan. "Cindy" arrived June 30 and weighed some 9 pounds 5 ounces at birth. She is their fourth child.

Rev. and Mrs. Bob Roberts have reported the arrival of Darla Joy, weight 7 pounds, 7½ ounces, on May 23. She is their second child.



The Yerington Assembly of God has recently dedicated their new sanctuary. The Dedication day was combined with a Sectional Fellowship Rally with G. O. Baker the afternoon speaker and Leonard Palmer the evening speaker. Pictured are: 1) The ministers in attendance. 2) Pastor Wayne Crawford in the pulpit. 3) Pastor and Mrs. Crawford with Brother Palmer. The Crawfords previously pastored in Ilwaco, Washington, and in Fort Dodge and Rolf, Iowa. 4) The charter members of the assembly (and some of the eminent visitors). The pioneer pastor of the assembly was Rev. L. V. Hudson. The pastor preceding the Crawfords was Aleatha Edsall. 5) The congregation and guests enjoying the lovely ham dinner. 6) (l. to r.): G. O. Baker, former representative of the Church Extension Plan who originally began negotiations to complete the Yerington building; Sectional Presbyter H. G. Rannells; District Superintendent Leonard Palmer; Pastor Wayne Crawford; E. W. Anderson, present C.E.P. Representative. The newly completed church is located just one block from the school and is in a fast growing residential area. Pastor Crawford reports "Since the completion of the interior of the building, there has been new interest with the attendance increasing each Sunday. God has met with us in a wonderful way in each service. We are looking forward to an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon God's people here in Yerington."



As this issue of Glad Tidings goes to press there are reports of abundant divine blessings at our District camps at Bethany Park and Mt. Lassen (Redwood has not yet met). The two scenes pictured are from Bethany Park Camp during the Home Missions Sunday. A part

of the crowd with Brother Wilson in the pulpit is shown at the left; while at the right, speaker Victor Trimmer is shown in action. Pictures and reports of later Camp Meeting activities will appear in the September issue of Glad Tidings.

An Encouraging Report From Concord

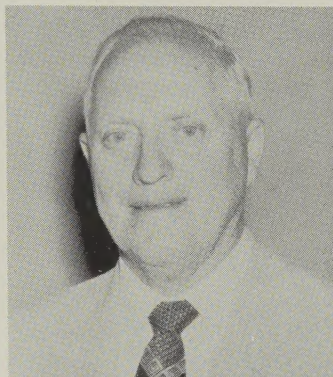
On July 22, 1951, Rev. R. A. Work was elected pastor of Calvary Temple of Concord. Since that date the church has enjoyed a steady growth of membership as well as experiencing an almost constant spirit of revival.

In 1953, a balcony was built in the rear of the auditorium. A nursery was constructed for the convenience of mothers with small children.

In the spring of 1954, construction was begun on an addition to the church building, as the Sunday School had outgrown its facilities. A two-story annex consisting of 7 classrooms and a departmental assembly hall was built. New pews were purchased and installed and the church redecorated.

In the Fall of 1955, the constant growth of the Church necessitated the enlargement of the Church auditorium. All partitions were removed, converting the entire building into an auditorium. A new platform and

baptistry installed, also a new central heating plant. The entire building was redecorated.



Pastor
R. A.
Work

In January of this year, the Pastor and official board of the Church, felt that if the Sunday School was to continue to grow, plans must be made for additional facilities. On April 1, work was begun on a one-story, 25 by 60 ft. building to adjoin the present

building. This building comprises 8 classrooms and a 25 by 20 auditorium, which can be converted into four additional classrooms. This building was completed by the men of the Church in 6 weeks.

On June 9, our District Supt., Leonard Palmer, officiated at dedication ceremonies. At noon an old-fashioned basket dinner was held on the Church grounds.

During the entire ministry of Bro. Work at Calvary Temple, the church has enjoyed a blessed Spirit of unity and spiritual growth. For the past three years Bro. Work has been Presbyter of the Contra Costa district.

All of the building projects undertaken during the past six years have been completed by the volunteer labor of men of the Church. All work has been done on a pay-as-you go basis and the Church property is unencumbered by mortgage.

Submitted by J. W. Sanders, Secretary.

SCENES FROM THE OVERSEAS MINISTRY OF THE F. A. STURGEONS. The Sturgeons recently conducted a special Bible course in Berlin and at its conclusion awarded diplomas to all who had completed the course of studies. There were over 200 who qualified and to whom diplomas were presented. The pictures show: 1) A high school teacher who took the course receiving her diploma on graduation night. This young woman assisted the Sturgeons in translating their note material and preparing the examinations. Standing beside the Sturgeons is Pastor Ben Kummerfeld former faculty member of B.B.C. 2) The large group standing

is the graduating class. 3) A representative group of young people who took the course. Almost every one of these young people has demonstrated unusual consecration in the face of adversity. Some are from the East Zone and they had to travel for 2 hours each way to be present for their evening classes. One of the girls is a converted actress; another has been put out of her home by her mother because she accepted Christ. The Sturgeons report that soon after this course was completed, a ban was placed upon east-west travel, and many of the young people who took the course are no longer free to attend events of this nature.





From the Sunnyvale First Assembly of God comes this fine photo of the Cheer Bringers group. Writes Sponsor Mercedes Bowen: "Our age group is the 5th thru the 8th grade. We have an average of 32 girls at each of our meetings. Our main goal in having this girls' group is that we might reach and win for the Lord many of the girls in this age group here in our city. The older folks really enjoy having the girls come in to minister to them, and the girls get a blessing too. Also, we are making all kinds of things for the missionaries to use. In our services we have our devotions first, and then the work period. The girls sew, embroider, piece quilts, paint, and make all kinds of paper objects such as bookmarks, awards, etc. Also, one night a month, the girls have a cooking class. On June 7 we had open house with a short program for parents and friends and a display of the things we had made. At the close, the girls served refreshments."

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WEDDING BELLS

On Saturday, July 20, Lois Ann Brown became the bride of Reverend Paul Kienel in a lovely ceremony in Bethel Temple, Sacramento. The groom is the incoming editor of *Glad Tidings*.

PACIFIC MISSION VILLAGE

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for which gift they would receive interest on their investment-gift during their life time but the entire gift be used immediately for the building of such homes. Inquiries about this plan will be welcomed.

Any inquiries about Pacific Missionary Village should be addressed to the Director, Willard C. Peirce, P. O. Box 961, Santa Cruz, Calif. If you or your church wish to make contributions to this work, missionary credit will be given to your church by the Foreign Missions Dept. at Springfield.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Ads in this column are published without charge as a service to our readers. Material should be in the hands of the editor 3 weeks prior to each publication date. All material is subject to editorial approval and revision.

FOR SALE — Cottage at Bethany Park. Three rooms furnished. Price surprisingly low. Call at 135 Valley Way, Bethany Park.

FOR SALE — Lot No. 56 on Pisgah Heights Road in Bethany Park. Contact the owner: J. C. Smith, 5 La Cumbra Drive, Sky Line Estates, Oak View, California.

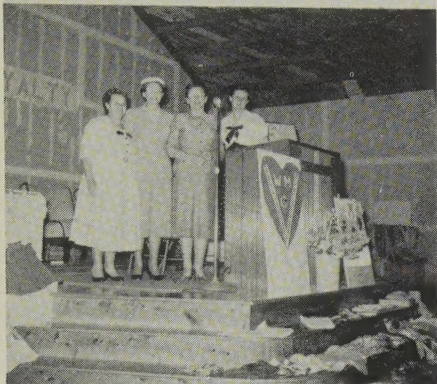
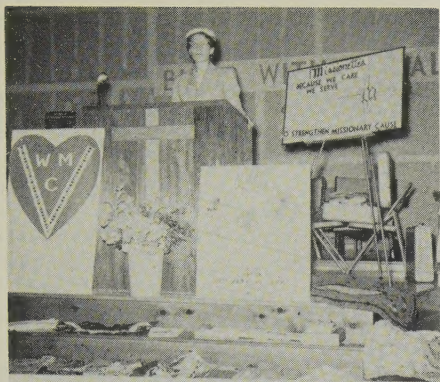
FOR SALE — Library of Bible felt scenes. All new condition, oil-painted, some with black light effects. Forty percent discount. Also black light (\$20.00), rotochrome spotlight (\$25.00), and roll away tubing easel (\$15.00). Lela P. Dickman, 12542 Twintree Lane, Garden Grove, California.

FOR SALE — Twenty pews, each seating 7, with individual arm rests. Upholstered in brocade material. Inspection invited. Gantner-Felder-Kenny Funeral Directors, 1965 Market Street, San Francisco, HEmlock 1-0131.

FOR SALE — Lot at Bethany Park (No. 159) facing parking lot. Very Reasonable. Inquire: Viola Crismon, 1538 Stetson Avenue, Modesto, Calif.

COMING NEXT MONTH:

List of Contributors
W. T. Gaston Memorial
Administration Building



WMC President Goldia Anderson participating in a recent special service with the WMC of the North Sacramento First Assembly of God. The occasion was the setting in order of two new divisions of the WMC in that assembly. In the upper photo Sis. Anderson is shown as she spoke. Below are the principals of the WMC in North Sacramento (l. to r.): Sister L. Endicott, President; Goldia Anderson, Sister Doris Arnesen, Sectional Director; and Sister Robert Clark, wife of the pastor. During this service, both the Missionettes and the so-called "Night Group" of the WMC were set in order.

With the Lord

We have just learned of the passing of J. C. Snyder of Chico, July 20. A report will follow next month.



The WMC Department recently enjoyed a very interesting Mother-Daughter organizational meeting in the First Assembly of God of Oakland. One of the purposes of the meeting was to encourage the organization of more Missionette Clubs in the East Bay churches. At this service the service the organized clubs from the Alameda and El Cerrito furnished the program and Sister Goldia Anderson, District WMC Director spoke on the methods of organization. In the upper photo is pictured the group that gathered. The group in the front row are the Alameda Missionettes. In the photo below, the ladies are seen enjoying their refreshments or awaiting their turn at the buffet table. The auditorium was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The Sectional Director is Gwen Foth. Sister Koroch was in charge of the refreshments. Sister Stiles is the Counselor of the Alameda group. Among the interested ladies present was Sister Ness, wife of host church Pastor Henry Ness. As an outcome of this meeting, several new Missionette Clubs currently are organizing.

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CURRENT SIGNS

Smoking Mothers and Heart Disease

Dr. M. F. Ashley Montagu, professor of anthropology at Rutgers University says the increasing incidence of heart disease and death can be traced to women who smoke during pregnancy. "There can be no question that consistent smoking places a very dangerous strain on the heart and other connected organs," Montagu said, "There is not the least doubt in the world that smoking mothers are responsible for the increases in cardiac trouble."

Religion in the U.S.

The most religious state in the union is Rhode Island; least religious is Oregon, according to a survey of the National Council of Churches. In 27 states more than 6 per cent of the white population belong to churches. In 12 states, half of them in New England, Roman Catholics outnumbered Protestants.

What Californians Drink

A recent release by the State Board of Equalization states that the average Californian (counting everyone) consumed about one quart of beer, five ounces of wine, and four ounces of distilled spirits each week during 1956. The average weekly consumption of milk during the year was $2\frac{1}{2}$ quarts per person, about the same amount of coffee and tea and about 24 ounces of commercial fruit and vegetable juices.

Army Bans Booze to Boys

The Army recently banned all alcoholic beverages, including 3.2 beer, for all reservists and national guardsmen taking six months active duty training if they are under 18½ years old. The prohibition was effective as of February 15th. According to news reports the Army said "it acted after receiving inquiries, and complaints from Congressmen." By some strange reasoning the order does not apply to regular Army volunteers who might be below 18½.

The California Liberator

The Rising Costs of World Wars

"The cost to the United States of a third-world-war might run anywhere from one and a half trillion to four trillion dollars." That estimate came from Navy Comdr. Eugene R. Blandin of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in an address at a national resources conference.

"For some reason, major wars in the United States have a way of costing just about ten times what the previous one did," Blandin said. "The war between the States cost \$3,900,000,000, the First World War \$39,600,000,000 and the Second World War cost \$386,000,000,000."

Welcome Newcomers!

Immigration added 3.2 million persons to the population of the United States — or about one-ninth of the total population increase—between 1946 and the end of 1956, according to statisticians of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

Atom Clock

A new atomic clock — the Atomichron — that is expected to measure time with an accuracy of 1 sec. in 3,000 years is being produced by National Co., Inc., of Malden, Massachusetts. The unit is not a laboratory device but a commercial product that will be used in television, navigation and other jobs.

Sunday School Prospects

The number of births in the United States has reached a new high in each of the last six years, the 1956 figure being more than 4,200,000 compared to 2,560,000 in 1940. Last year there was record total of about 1,300,000 third and fourth children born in our country. These babies comprised almost one-third of the total — a higher proportion than for any year since World War I.



This fine group of Christian young people is the graduating class of the Christian High School conducted by the Crescent City Assembly of God. The high school offers a complete four year program with standard college courses and some vocational electives. Bible is offered to all classes. The Supervisor for the '57-'58 season will be Leota Sanders, formerly of the Canyonville Bible Academy of Oregon. Tuition charges are as follows: 1 child \$15 monthly, 2 children \$25 monthly, more than 2 children \$30 monthly. Arrangement to board may be made with local Christians. Classes for children below high school level from kindergarten through the eighth grade are also offered. Reverend D. L. Rhodes is the pastor of the Crescent City Assembly and he may be contacted for more information.